

**PATENT**

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-  
PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT  
MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE OF  
COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS  
PRECURSORS

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case.

Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 5, please insert the following paragraph: